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has been confined mainly to the Mohammedans and non-Brahministic Hindoos. The disease has, however, gained a sufficiently strong footing, being present in 23 out of 33 sections into which this city is divided, and should demand the utmost vigilance on the part of the sanitary authorities. The medical board is of the opinion that cholera is now epidemic in this city. I am informed that arrangements have been made to protect, by preventive guards, the reservoirs of Tansa, Vehar, and Tulsi. These are artificial lakes situated about 30 miles distant in the hills whence Bombay obtains her water supply.

At some of the Government famine relief camps in the Bombay Presidency and in the native state of Gujarat cholera has broken out in appalling proportions. During the past week Government returns show that some 140,000 famine people have deserted the relief camps and consequently have become wanderers, doubtless on account of the dread of this disease. What effect these underfed, poorly clothed, and unsheltered people, many of whom are carrying the cholera germ, will have upon the health of the general community can not be foretold.

WILLIAM T. FEE.  
*United States Consul.*

#### ITALY.

*Prohibition against the introduction of salted hides, etc., from places infected with bubonic plague revoked.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14, 1900.

SIR: I am advised by the Italian ambassador at this capital, under date of the 9th instant, that he is in receipt of a telegram from the minister of the interior at Rome announcing the issuance of an edict revoking the prohibition of the introduction of salted hides, hoofs, and shoe leather from places infected with the bubonic plague.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,  
*Secretary of State.*

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

#### *Report from Naples.*

NAPLES, ITALY, July 11, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended July 11, 1900, the following ships were inspected:

July 6, the steamship *Ems*, of the North German Lloyd Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 21 cabin and 827 steerage passengers and 260 pieces of large and 823 pieces of small baggage. Thirty pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

July 7, the steamship *Patria* of the Fabre Line Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 5 cabin and 529 steerage passengers and 87 pieces of large and 613 pieces of small baggage. Twenty pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

July 10, the steamship *Tartar Prince* of the Prince Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 3 cabin and 824 steerage passengers and 213 pieces of large and 989 pieces of small baggage. Seventeen pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
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